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For: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 14 and 15 as follows:

14. (Once Amended) The information storage medium  
according to claim 12 wherein, among the at least two layers  
comprising at least one metal element as the main component,  
the layer of the side nearest to the light incident side  
comprises Cr or Mo as the main component.

15. (Once Amended) The information storage medium  
according to claim 12 wherein the layer comprising at least  
one metal element as the main component and having a thickness  
of not less than 20 nm and not more than 200 nm contains 70  
atomic % or more of Al or Ag.